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THE FOLLOWING FORM IS RECOMMENDED FOR A BEQUEST.

*I give, devise and bequeath to the
DISPENSARY for SKIN DISEASES,
PHILADELPHIA, their successors and
assigns to be
applied to the uses and purposes of said
corporation.*

TRUSTEES.

SAMUEL D. GROSS, M. D., FREDERIC COLLINS,
HENRY A. DUHRING, JOHN S. BISPHAM,
EDWARD N. WRIGHT.

President,

SAMUEL D. GROSS, M. D.

Secretary and Treasurer,

HENRY A. DUHRING.

Physician-in-charge.

LOUIS A. DUHRING, M. D.

Assistant Physician,

ARTHUR VAN HARLINGEN, M. D.

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Nothing can be more gratifying to the friends of a benevolent and useful charity than to learn of its continued prosperity and welfare. It is therefore with sincere pleasure that we call attention to the great benefits which have attended the founding and maintenance of the Dispensary for Diseases of the Skin. Already in the first year of its existence over four hundred patients received treatment, and since that time the number has been steadily increasing. Men, women and children, of all degrees of indigence, apply daily for advice and medicine, and as shown by the Physician-in-charge, good and satisfactory results are manifest in those who attend regularly.

By the alleviation of physical suffering many industrious working people return to their respective posts better fitted to perform their duties both in public and in private life.

It is with a feeling of profound sorrow that we speak of one of our Board who is no longer with us, either as a valued friend in the every day walks

of life or as a helper in the work of charity in which our institution is engaged. We refer to Mr. J. Warner Johnson, who, after a brief illness, died September 21st, 1873. In common with all who knew him, we recognize that we have lost a warm personal friend, as well as one upon whom we could always rely for counsel and support in all our undertakings.

The Trustees desire to give expression to their satisfaction with the manner in which the medical officers have fulfilled their duties, and extend to them their cordial thanks.

It is extremely encouraging to state that almost all of the old contributors have again generously come forward with their means, names and influence. The names of many new friends have also been added to the list of contributors.

With a view of increasing our sphere of usefulness certain additions to the Dispensary are contemplated, and it is for this purpose that we would ask for further pecuniary assistance. The Trustees deem it especially important that the beginning of a permanent fund be inaugurated. The liberal-minded, warm-hearted people of Philadelphia are therefore now appealed to in behalf of this worthy object of their charity.

Donations of any amount will be gratefully received by the Treasurer, No. 28 N. Fourth street, or by any of the officers of the institution.

DISPENSARY FOR SKIN DISEASES.

Extracts from the By-Laws.

I. This Institution shall be called "Dispensary for Skin Diseases," and shall consist of Board of Trustees, President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Physician-in-charge.

II. The Dispensary shall have for its object the gratuitous medical treatment of the poor afflicted with diseases of the skin.

III. All funds raised for the Dispensary for Skin Diseases, either in money or property, by donation or bequest, shall be appropriated exclusively for the benefit of the Institution.

IV. The Institution shall be open daily, Sundays excepted, for the reception of patients, at 11 o'clock A. M., under the immediate supervision of the physician.

V. Patients who are able shall purchase their own medicines, whilst those whose circumstances do not permit of this expenditure, shall be supplied gratuitously, subject to the discretion of the physician.

VI. The Institution shall be confined entirely in its objects to the relief of the poor, and to the promotion and advancement of the science of medicine, with reference to the treatment of diseases of the skin.

VII. A register shall be kept by the physician of all cases admitted and treated at the Institution, and the same shall at all times be open for the inspection of the Trustees.

VIII. The Dispensary for Skin Diseases shall be supported by voluntary contributions.

IX. All the offices of the Institution shall be filled gratuitously.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DISPENSARY FOR SKIN DISEASES:

GENTLEMEN:—With the close of the third year of our institution, it again becomes my pleasure to present to you a report of the work accomplished during the past twelve months. It may now be said with all candor, I think, that the Dispensary has assumed a permanent position among the various charities of our city, and that its object is fully appreciated by a large portion of the community. Another year's experience has only served to strengthen the views expressed in a previous report, concerning the necessity of an institution devoted to the relief of this class of diseases in our city. The number of patients who have applied for advice during the year affords ample testimony upon this point. Many of these have been entirely restored to health, while almost all have received some relief from their sufferings.

The class of people who have availed themselves of the Dispensary have for the most part been those in needy circumstances, whose poverty together with their ill-health entitled them to all the benefits which it was possible to offer. Medicines were freely given to all whose limited means would not permit even of this expenditure.

The Dispensary has been open every day during the past year, excepting Sundays and Christmas. The average daily attendance of patients has been about eight or ten. Not unfrequently as many as eighteen and twenty have been prescribed for upon one day.

During the year there were four hundred and forty-one new patients admitted and recorded upon the Register. These numbers show an increase of forty patients over the previous year. Nearly three thousand visits were from time to time made to the Dispensary.

Of the whole number treated, there were—

Completely relieved and discharged,	121
Relieved, but ceased attending,	194
Failed to report result,	82
Still under treatment,	44

It will be seen from these figures that a large number were entirely restored to health. One hundred and twenty-one reported to the physician that they were completely relieved, and asked to be discharged from the Institution. Of the one hundred and ninety-four who were relieved, but ceased attending from one cause or another, doubtless many were entirely restored to health but thought it needless to report the fact.

From these data, obtained from the Dispensary Register, it will be observed that the results of the treatment compare favorably with those of other

institutions of a similar character elsewhere. It is well known to the medical profession, and proper here to state, that at the present day many forms of cutaneous disease which in years gone by were considered incurable may not only be greatly relieved, but in many instances entirely cured.

Of the whole number admitted, there were—

Males,	254	American birth, . . .	275
Females,	187	Irish “ . . .	107
Adults,	378	English “ . . .	26
Children,	63	German “ . . .	24
Colored,	12	Other nationalities, .	9

The following occupations were reported :

Domestics,	102	Silversmiths,	5
Laborers,	39	Bartenders,	4
School children, . . .	25	Porters,	4
Seamstresses,	21	Bakers,	4
Clerks,	17	Farmers,	4
Shoemakers,	12	Musicians,	3
Painters,	8	Paper carriers,	3
Printers,	8	Butchers,	3
Mill hands,	8	Varnishers,	3
Machinists,	7	Watchmen,	3
Drivers,	6	Tailors,	3
Weavers,	6	Bookfolders,	3
Washerwomen,	6	Engineers,	3
Nurses,	6	Cabinet makers,	3
Waiters,	5	Stone cutters,	3
Carpenters,	5	Cooks,	3
Hostlers,	5	Miscellaneous,	88
Peddlers,	5		

The following table exhibits the number of cases of the various diseases recorded during the year :

Eczema,	172	Ecthyma,	3
Dis. of specific origin, .	46	Furuncle,	3
Acne,	41	Chloasma,	3
Psoriasis,	28	Sebaceous tumor, . .	3
Seborrhœa,	15	Purpura,	3
Tinea Circinata, . . .	15	Herpes Zoster, . . .	2
Pruritus,	15	Scrofuloderma, . . .	2
Urticaria,	12	Hyperhydrosis, . . .	1
Tinea Versicolor, . . .	10	Tinea Tonsurans, . .	1
Ulcers,	10	Erysipelas,	1
Phtheiriasis,	10	Pernio,	1
Epithelioma,	9	Ephelis,	1
Ichthyosis,	7	Pemphigus,	1
Lupus Erythematosus, .	5	Nævus Vascularis, . .	1
Abscess,	5	Paronychia,	1
Dermatitis,	4	Varix,	1
Sycosis non-parasitica, .	4		

In conclusion, it may be said that the year has been in every way an eminently successful one, and it is felt by those in charge of the medical department that the time is not far distant when the Institution must assume proportions greatly exceeding those of the present day.

Respectfully submitted by

LOUIS A. DUHRING, M. D.,

Physician-in-charge.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1873,	\$470 77
Amount of contributions (per list),	723 76
Interest allowed by bank,	12 88
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	\$1,207 41
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EXPENDITURES.

Rent, attendance and fuel,	\$300 00
Printing report, advertising and stationery, . . .	132 65
Medicines,	86 20
Sundries,	9 28
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	\$528 13
Balance,	679 28
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	\$1,207 41

II. A. DUHRING,
Treasurer.

CONTRIBUTORS

TO THE

DISPENSARY FOR SKIN DISEASES.

1873.

Irving & Leiper, . . .	\$25 00	Miss Emily Lippincott, .	\$5 00
William Lucas, . . .	5 00	Miss Florence Lippincott, .	10 00
William Waterall, . . .	5 00	Miss Julia Duhring, . .	25 00
E. H. Ogden,	5 00	William Dulles,	10 00
Joseph P. Remington, .	5 00	John S. Bispham, . . .	25 00
McCallum, Crease & Sloan,	50 00	Mrs. W. Loeffler, . . .	5 00
S. Silberman,	20 00	Dr. C. G. Estabrook, . .	5 00
Dr. John F. Weightman, .	10 00	Mattson & Dilkes, . . .	5 00
Thos. P. C. Stokes, . . .	5 00	Mrs. Elizabeth Cresson, .	5 00
Alfred Fitler,	10 00	Mr Ezra Cresson, . . .	5 00
H. A. Duhring,	25 00	Dr. Louis A. Duhring, . .	25 00
Alfred G. Baker,	10 00	Mrs. Bryant,	2 00
Franklin Fire Insurance		Mrs. J. Willis,	1 00
Co., of Philadelphia, . .	10 00	Mrs. Geo. Duhring, . . .	2 00
William H. Merriek, . . .	10 00	Mrs. Goodchild,	1 00
George W. Childs,	25 00	Miss C. A. Duhring, . . .	2 00
James M. Flanagan, . . .	10 00	Miss Jane Johnson, . . .	10 00
William W. Justice, . . .	20 00	Mrs. Jane Sill,	5 00
William R. Lejeé,	10 00	Mrs. M. L. Jackson, . . .	5 00
Charles D. Reed,	20 00	Mrs. J. Wm. Small, . . .	2 00
Frederie Collins,	10 00	Redwood F. Warner, . . .	25 00
James M. Flanagan, . . .	25 00	William H. Jenks,	5 00
H. A. Duhring,	25 00	C. P. B. Jefferys,	25 00
Coffin & Altemus,	10 00	Mrs. H. Duhring,	50 00
Chapman & Martin, . . .	10 00	Mrs. J. M. Van Harlingen,	5 00
James Mullen,	2 50	J. M. Van Harlingen, . .	20 00
John H. Jenks,	5 00	Miss M. Eisenbrey, . . .	4 00
Dr. Joseph McClure, . . .	5 00	Dr. A. Van Harlingen, . .	5 00
Joseph Roach,	5 00	Amount received in the	
Edward N. Wright, . . .	20 00	Dispensary contribution	
Mrs. Isabella Lippincott, .	10 00	box,	22 26

